

SEC. 2. If any vacancy or vacancies shall occur in the membership of any such board of school trustees, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the majority vote of the remaining trustees of such district, but any trustee so elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

SEC. 3. The importance of this Act and the necessity for amplifying and clarifying Chapter 317 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the forty-second Legislature and the crowded conditions of the calendar creates and constitutes an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read in each House on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall be in force and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—S. B. No. 374 passed the Senate by a vote of 28 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House by a vote of 116 yeas, 0 nays.]

Approved March 13, 1933.
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FATHER OF TEXAS DAY CREATED.

S. B. No. 245.]

CHAPTER 37.

An Act to designate and fix the Third day of November as "Father of Texas Day" in memory of Stephen F. Austin, the real and true Father of Texas, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That the Third day of November of each year is hereby designated and fixed, and is to be hereafter known as, "Father of Texas Day" in memory of Stephen F. Austin, the real and true Father of Texas, and that said day and date be regularly observed by appropriate and patriotic programs, being given in the Public Schools and other places that will properly commemorate the birthday of that great pioneer patriot, Stephen F. Austin, and thereby inspire a greater love for our beloved Lone Star State; provided, however, that said day shall not be a legal holiday.

SEC. 2. The fact that this just and well deserved recognition of Stephen F. Austin has been so long delayed creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days be suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in full force from the date of its approval, and it is hereby so enacted.

[NOTE.—S. B. No. 245 passed the Senate March 8, 1933, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays; Senate concurred in House amendment March 15, 1933, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House March 15, 1933, with amendment by a vote of 104 yeas, 0 nays.]

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PROHIBITING BETTING OR WAGERING ON ELECTION
BY JUDGES OR OFFICERS OF ELECTION.

S. B. No. 37.] CHAPTER 38.

An Act prohibiting any judge or officer of an election from betting or wagering on the election or nomination of any person; prohibiting betting or wagering on the number of votes polled or cast, or to be polled or cast in the precinct or voting box in which any officer is serving in certain cases; prescribing offenses and punishment; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. If any judge or other officer of any election or primary election shall bet or wager on the election or nomination of any person, to any office, or shall bet or wager on the number of votes polled or cast, or to be polled or cast, in the voting precinct or voting box in which he is serving, he shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction, shall be confined in the State Penitentiary not less than two (2) years nor more than five (5) years.

SEC. 2. The fact that many persons, as election judges, have been betting on the outcome of elections, which encourages fraud and has resulted in miscounting of votes, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—S. B. No. 37 passed the Senate February 20, 1933, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays; Senate concurred in House amendment March 15, 1933, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House with amendment March 15, 1933, by a vote of 103 yeas, 11 nays.]

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